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Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Report of the Fifth Committee**

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 118 appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/63/648 and Add.1-3. In the report contained in document A/63/648, the Committee provided its recommendations on the question of conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. In document A/63/648/Add.1, the Committee provided its recommendations on the question of development-related activities. In document A/63/648/Add.2, the Committee provided its recommendations on the question of strengthening the Department of Political Affairs. In document A/63/648/Add.3, the Committee provided its recommendations on the question of information and communications technology/enterprise resource planning/security, disaster recovery and business continuity. The present document provides the recommendations of the Committee on other questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd, 12th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th to 24th, 26th and 28th meetings, on 7 and 27 October, 6, 13, 14, 24 and 26 November and 4, 15, 16, 19 and 23 December 2008. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.3, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20-24, 26 and 28).

3. Section II of the present report contains a summary of the recommendations made by the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the programme

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budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly, either on the recommendation of its Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting.

4. Section III contains a summary of the questions, in particular those relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, considered by the Fifth Committee that led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended for adoption by the General Assembly. A summary of other questions relating to the item are contained in documents A/63/648 and Add.1-3 (see para. 1 above).

5. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section IV.

II. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

6. In its resolutions 62/237 A and B, the General Assembly approved budget appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 in the amount of $4,171,359,700 and income estimates in the amount of $515,460,600. By its resolution 62/245, further appropriations were approved resulting in an additional appropriation of $31,631,600 and additional income estimates in the amount of $4,617,100.

7. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly under items considered by other Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting, have resulted in a net increase in the approved level of appropriations in the amount of $657,471,800 and a net increase in the approved income estimates in the amount of $35,198,700.

8. The revised estimates of expenditure and income approved by the Fifth Committee and the financial implications of resolutions recommended by other Main Committees and subsequently by the General Assembly are indicated, by expenditure and income section, in the following table:

(United States dollars)

Section			*Amount approved in resolutions 62/237 A-C and 62/245*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
A.	**Expenditure sections**				
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination		89 215 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		3 111 600	
	(b)	Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/61/357, A/62/521 and Corr.1, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/63/SR.28)		245 600	
	(c)	Revised estimates, Rule of Law Unit (A/63/154, A/63/594, A/C.5/63/SR.23)		409 200	
	(d)	PBI: rights of the child (A/C.5/63/16, A/63/623, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		1 851 700	
	(e)	Information and communications technology/enterprise resource planning/security, disaster recovery and business continuity (A/62/793 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/63/487 and Corr.1, A/C.5/63/SR.10, 13)		(271 800)	
		Total	**89 215 800**	**5 346 300**	**94 562 100**

Section			*Amount approved in resolutions 62/237 A-C and 62/245*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management		629 339 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		31 083 600	
	(b)	PBI: global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.5/63/17, A/63/618, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		642 700	
	(c)	PBI: International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/C.5/63/14, A/63/617, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		404 300	
	(d)	Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto (A/63/583, A/63/628, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		244 700	
	(e)	PBI: revised estimates: Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/C.5/63/13, A/63/624, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		546 000	
		Total	**629 339 800**	**32 921 300**	**662 261 100**
3.	Political affairs		527 240 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		4 862 700	
	(b)	Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/62/521 and Corr.1, A/61/357, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/63/SR.28)		3 667 000	
	(c)	Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.2-5, A/63/593, A/C.5/63/SR.24)		413 646 800	
	(d)	Human resources management (A/63/221, A/63/298, A/61/30/Add.1, A/63/7/Add.14, A/63/526 and Corr.1., A/C.5/63/SR.17, 18)		13 165 400	
		Total	**527 240 800**	**435 341 900**	**962 582 700**
4.	Disarmament		21 607 900		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		851 800	
		Total	**21 607 900**	**851 800**	**22 459 700**
5.	Peacekeeping operations		101 412 700		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		4 375 800	
		Total	**101 412 700**	**4 375 800**	**105 788 500**
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space		7 439 800		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		202 500	
		Total	**7 439 800**	**202 500**	**7 642 300**
7.	International Court of Justice		41 200 400		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		3 927 300	
		Total	**41 200 400**	**3 927 300**	**45 127 700**

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8.	Legal affairs	46 069 000		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		1 639 200	
	Total	**46 069 000**	**1 639 200**	**47 708 200**
9.	Economic and social affairs	158 384 800		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		6 477 200	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		672 400	
	Total	**158 384 800**	**7 149 600**	**165 534 400**
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	5 440 400		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		251 200	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		171 300	
	Total	**5 440 400**	**422 500**	**5 862 900**
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	11 641 900		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		486 900	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		79 300	
	Total	**11 641 900**	**566 200**	**12 208 100**
12.	Trade and development	123 746 100		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		8 684 200	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		664 300	
	Total	**123 746 100**	**9 348 500**	**133 094 600**
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	28 099 800		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		2 773 900	
	Total	**28 099 800**	**2 773 900**	**30 873 700**
14.	Environment	13 796 600		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		263 200	
	Total	**13 796 600**	**263 200**	**14 059 800**

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15.	Human settlements	20 520 800		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		280 800	
	Total	**20 520 800**	**280 800**	**20 801 600**
16.	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	36 819 000		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		756 900	
	Total	**36 819 000**	**756 900**	**37 575 900**
17.	Economic and social development in Africa	119 798 200		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		7 336 500	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		1 507 400	
	Total	**119 798 200**	**8 843 900**	**128 642 100**
18.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	83 926 400		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		6 780 900	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		1 708 500	
	Total	**83 926 400**	**8 489 400**	**92 415 800**
19.	Economic development in Europe	59 917 100		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		4 449 400	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		359 800	
	Total	**59 917 100**	**4 809 200**	**64 726 300**
20.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	104 445 000		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		(2 965 300)	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		1 679 600	
	Total	**104 445 000**	**(1 285 700)**	**103 159 300**
21.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	58 107 500		
	(a) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		5 483 100	
	(b) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		1 128 100	
	Total	**58 107 500**	**6 611 200**	**64 718 700**

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22.	Regular programme of technical cooperation		50 951 400		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		3 881 100	
		Total	**50 951 400**	**3 881 100**	**54 832 500**
23.	Human rights		116 938 400		
	(a)	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		7 806 400	
	(b)	Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto (A/63/583, A/63/628, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		834 600	
	(c)	Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council following its continuing review of its subsidiary machinery and its related PBI — a consolidated statement (A/63/587, A/63/629, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		1 773 800	
		Total	**116 938 400**	**10 414 800**	**127 353 200**
24.	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees		73 069 300		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		6 936 200	
		Total	**73 069 300**	**6 936 200**	**80 005 500**
25.	Palestine refugees		40 727 500		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		4 342 600	
		Total	**40 727 500**	**4 342 600**	**45 070 100**
26.	Humanitarian assistance		28 492 300		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		1 369 500	
		Total	**28 492 300**	**1 369 500**	**29 861 800**
27.	Public information		184 000 500		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		5 374 100	
		Total	**184 000 500**	**5 374 100**	**189 374 600**
28A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management		15 002 500		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		591 400	
		Total	**15 002 500**	**591 400**	**15 593 900**
28B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts		39 169 900		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		1 475 800	
		Total	**39 169 900**	**1 475 800**	**40 645 700**
28C.	Office of Human Resources Management		70 688 100		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		2 360 600	
		Total	**70 688 100**	**2 360 600**	**73 048 700**
28D.	Office of Central Support Services		236 300 100		
	(a)	Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/61/357, A/62/521 and Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.39, A/C.5/63/SR.28)		1 705 900	
	(b)	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		8 760 200	

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	(c)	Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		720 000	
	(d)	Revised estimates, Rule of Law Unit (A/63/154, A/63/594, A/C.5/63/SR.23)		165 900	
	(e)	PBI: rights of the child (A/C.5/63/16, A/63/623, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		196 100	
	(f)	Information and communications technology/security, disaster recovery and business continuity (A/62/793 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/63/487 and Corr.1 and 2, A/C.5/63/SR.10, 13)		(36 759 800)	
		Total	**236 300 100**	**(25 211 700)**	**211 088 400**
28E.	Administration, Geneva		112 185 000		
	(a)	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		9 790 200	
	(b)	Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		71 900	
		Total	**112 185 000**	**9 862 100**	**122 047 100**
28F.	Administration, Vienna		39 019 800		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		632 600	
		Total	**39 019 800**	**632 600**	**39 652 400**
28G.	Administration, Nairobi		27 838 900		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		(196 700)	
		Total	**27 838 900**	**(196 700)**	**27 642 200**
36.	Office of Information and Communications Technology		—		
		Information and communications technology/enterprise resource planning/security, disaster recovery and business continuity (A/62/793 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/63/487 and Corr.1 and 2, A/C.5/63/SR.10, 13)		37 031 600	
		Total	**—**	**37 031 600**	**37 031 600**
29.	Internal oversight		35 997 700		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		1 485 000	
		Total	**35 997 700**	**1 485 000**	**37 482 700**
30.	Jointly financed and administrative activities		11 459 300		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		996 100	
		Total	**11 459 300**	**996 100**	**12 455 400**
31.	Special expenses		97 011 600		
		First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		3 361 100	
		Total	**97 011 600**	**3 361 100**	**100 372 700**

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32.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	58 782 600		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		3 416 800	
	Total	**58 782 600**	**3 416 800**	**62 199 400**
33.	Security and safety	197 169 300		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		10 756 600	
	Total	**197 169 300**	**10 756 600**	**207 925 900**
34.	Development Account	18 651 300		
	First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)			
	Total	**18 651 300**	—	**18 651 300**
35.	Staff assessment	465 983 100		
	(a) Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/61/357, A/62/521 and Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.39, A/C.5/63/SR.28)		561 700	
	(b) Human rights		(1 400)	
	(c) First performance report (A/63/573, A/63/620, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		16 540 600	
	(d) Improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335, A/63/479, A/C.5/63/SR.6, 8, 9)		978 100	
	(e) Revised estimates, Rule of Law Unit (A/63/154, A/63/594, A/C.5/63/SR.23)		54 600	
	(f) PBI: rights of the child (A/C.5/63/16, A/63/623, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		233 300	
	(g) Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto (A/63/583, A/63/628, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		42 300	
	(h) Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council following its continuing review of its subsidiary machinery and its related PBI – a consolidated statement (A/63/587, A/63/629, A/C.5/63/SR.26)		115 300	
	(i) Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.2-5, A/63/593 and A/C.5/63/SR.26)		26 432 000	
	Total	**465 983 100**	**44 956 500**	**510 939 600**
	Grand total, expenditure estimates	**4 207 608 400**	**657 471 800**	**4 865 080 200**
B.	**Income sections**			
1.	Income from staff assessment	470 397 500	45 148 000	515 545 500
	Total, income section 1	**470 397 500**	**45 148 000**	**515 545 500**
2.	General income	47 946 900	(10 195 900)	37 751 000
3.	Services to the public	1 733 300	246 600	1 979 900
	Total, income sections 2 and 3	**49 680 200**	**(9 949 300)**	**39 730 900**
	Grand total, income sections	**520 077 700**	**35 198 700**	**555 276 400**

Abbreviation: PBI, statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on programme budget implications.

9. At its 28th meeting, on 23 December 2008, the Committee considered the revised estimates of expenditure and income to be recommended for approval by the General Assembly for the biennium 2008-2009, as well as the financing of the appropriations for the year 2009. The Committee took the following action in that regard:

(a) It approved the revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 (see para. 44, draft resolution II.A);

(b) It approved the revised income estimates for the biennium 2008-2009 (see para. 44, draft resolution II.B);

(c) It approved the draft resolution on the financing of the appropriations for the year 2009 (see para. 44, draft resolution II.C).

III. Consideration of questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre and additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and improving and modernizing the conference facilities and construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

10. The Committee considered this question at its 3rd and 21st meetings, on 7 October and 26 November. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/794 and A/63/303) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/465).

11. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre and additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and improving and modernizing the conference facilities and construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. I), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. I).

Revised estimates relating to the Rule of Law Unit

12. The Committee considered this question at its 23rd meeting, on 15 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/154) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/594).

13. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Revised estimates relating to the Rule of Law Unit" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. II), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden. The Chairman of the Committee orally revised the draft resolution by adding two paragraphs after operative paragraph 3, reading:

> "*Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Director of the Unit continues to be provided, for 2009, through secondment;

"*Decides* to revert to this issue in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011."

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. II, as orally revised).

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2008

15. The Committee considered this question at its 12th meeting, on 27 October. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/360) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/501).

16. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2008" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. III), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. III).

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008

17. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd meeting, on 4 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/371) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/567).

18. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. IV), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. IV).

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its seventh, eighth and ninth sessions, proposals to improve the procedure for presenting to the General Assembly the financial requirements arising from the resolutions and decisions of the Council, and a consolidated statement on resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council arising from its continuing review of its subsidiary machinery and related programme budget implications

19. The Committee considered this question at its 26th meeting, on 19 December. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/541 and Add.1 and A/63/587) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/629).

20. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its seventh, eighth and ninth sessions, proposals to improve the procedure for presenting to the General Assembly the financial requirements arising from the resolutions and decisions of the Council, and a consolidated statement on resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council

arising from its continuing review of its subsidiary machinery and related programme budget implications" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. V), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. V).

Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto

21. The Committee considered this question at its 26th meeting, on 19 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/583) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/628).

22. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. VI), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. VI).

Review of the lump-sum arrangement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

23. The Committee considered this question at its 26th meeting, on 19 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/537) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/616).

24. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Review of the lump-sum arrangement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. VII), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. VII).

Human resources management

25. The Committee considered this question at its 17th and 18th meetings, on 13 and 14 November.

26. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Human resources management" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. VIII), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Australia. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. VIII).

Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

27. The Committee considered this question at its 20th meeting, on 24 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/556).

28. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. IX), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of the Philippines. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. IX).

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, in Baghdad

29. The Committee considered this question at its 24th meeting, on 16 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/828), the relevant parts of the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (A/63/346 and Add.5) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/601).

30. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, in Baghdad" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. X), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Bulgaria. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. X).

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

31. The Committee considered this question at its 24th meeting, on 16 December. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/346 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.2-5) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/593).

32. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. XI), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Bulgaria.

33. At the same meeting, the representative of Lebanon orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution by which a new paragraph would be inserted after operative paragraph 3, reading:

> "*Requests* the Secretary-General to revise the narrative and the logical framework of the budget of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004), taking into account recent developments and the concerns raised by Member States, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly before the first part of its resumed sixty-third session."

34. Also at the same meeting, the representative of France, speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, requested a recorded vote on the proposed amendment.

35. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 86 to 50, with 4 abstentions, the proposed amendment to section XI of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.23. The voting was as follows:[1]

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Cameroon, Malawi, Panama, Timor-Leste.

36. At the same meeting, the Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. XI).

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

37. The Committee considered this question at its 26th meeting, on 19 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/573) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/620).

38. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "First performance report on the programme

[1] The representative of Trinidad and Tobago said her delegation had intended to abstain, but had inadvertently voted against the amendment. The representative of Solomon Islands said that, owing to technical problems, her vote in favour of the amendment had not been reflected.

budget for the biennium 2008-2009" (A/C.5/63/L.23, sect. XII), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Brazil. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. XII).

Contingency fund

39. The Committee considered this question at its 28th meeting, on 23 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/20). At the same meeting the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it note that a balance of $5,122,000 remained in the contingency fund (see para. 44, draft resolution I, sect. XIII).

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

40. The Committee considered this question at its 15th meeting, on 6 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/257).

41. At the 15th meeting, on 6 November, the Chairman of the Committee orally introduced a draft decision entitled "United Nations Fund for International Partnerships" (see A/C.5/63/SR.15). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 45, draft decision I).

Rental of office space in the Secretariat by the Group of 77 and China

42. The Committee, at its 24th meeting, on 16 December, was requested by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, to consider, under an additional agenda item, the question of the rental of office space in the Secretariat by the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.5/63/SR.24).

43. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Rental of office space in the Secretariat by the Group of 77 and China", informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Canada (see A/C.5/63/SR.28). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 45, draft decision II).

IV. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

44. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

The General Assembly,

I

Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre and additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and improving and modernizing the conference facilities and construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Recalling its resolution 56/270 of 27 March 2002, section IV of its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003 and sections IX and X of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on improving and modernizing the conference facilities and the construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi[1] and on the construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre, and the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa,[2] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to construct, improve and modernize facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the Vienna International Centre to ensure the efficient work of the Organization,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts of the Governments of Ethiopia and Kenya, as host countries, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the improvement and modernization of the conference facilities and the construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and of the efforts of the Government of Austria, as host country, in completing the construction of new conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre, as well as in achieving good progress in the asbestos removal project;

2. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[4]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

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[1] A/62/794.
[2] A/63/303.
[3] A/63/465.
[4] A/62/794 and A/63/303.

4. *Underlines* the risks inherent in the execution of construction projects, and stresses the importance of adequate planning, coordination and project supervision to avoid going over budget;

5. *Expresses concern* about the delays and procedural difficulties in the execution of the projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, which are contributing to project cost escalation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake management reviews of the projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi with a view to expediting their implementation, to ensure that a dedicated project management capacity is in place at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi and to report thereon in the context of his next annual progress reports;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of guidance, interaction and coordination between the Secretariat in New York, on the one hand, and the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, on the other hand, with clear reporting lines;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full accountability for the delays, lack of responsiveness of management to the needs of the construction projects in Addis Ababa and Nairobi and other factors that have contributed to delays in the implementation of the projects and project cost escalation and to include that information in his next annual progress reports;

9. *Stresses* the importance of the leadership and guidance of the Secretary-General and senior management as well as a commitment to the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi by all concerned parties during the execution and completion of the projects;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update the Member States through regular informal briefings on the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to complete the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi as planned, without any further delays or additional requirements from the regular budget, and to ensure that progress is monitored by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the construction regulations and rules of the Organization, including the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, are abided by and fully upheld in all phases of the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

13. *Approves* the revised estimated cost of 25,252,200 United States dollars for the construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

14. *Also approves* the use of interest income of 798,200 dollars as at 31 December 2007, and further approves the use of future interest income generated by accumulated rental income for the construction of additional office facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

15. *Further approves* the revised estimated cost of 3,479,000 dollars for improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with ensuring continuing effective audit coverage as well as regular, thorough management reviews of the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, to be reported on in the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the General Assembly;

17. *Recalls* paragraphs 24, 25, 35 and 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, information that outlines clearly the interaction between the Secretariat in New York and other duty stations for construction and long-term renovation projects, and that specifies all aspects of the division of responsibility and accountability;

II

Revised estimates relating to the Rule of Law Unit

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Rule of Law Unit[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to establish one P-5, two P-4 and one P-3 posts for the Rule of Law Unit, effective 1 January 2009;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Director of the Unit continues to be provided, for 2009, through secondment;

5. *Decides* to revert to this issue in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011;

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[5] A/63/154.

[6] A/63/594.

III
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2008

Recalling its resolution 63/251 of 24 December 2008, entitled "United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission",

Takes note of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2008[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[8]

IV
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008,[9] and endorses the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[10]

V
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its seventh, eighth and ninth sessions, proposals to improve the procedure for presenting to the General Assembly the financial requirements arising from the resolutions and decisions of the Council, and a consolidated statement on resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council arising from its continuing review of its subsidiary machinery and related programme budget implications

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[11] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[12]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[11]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[12]

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[7] A/63/360.
[8] A/63/501.
[9] A/63/371.
[10] A/63/567.
[11] A/63/541 and Add.1 and A/63/587.
[12] A/63/629.

VI
Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[13] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[14]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[13]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[14]

VII
Review of the lump-sum arrangement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[15] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[16]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[15]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[16]

VIII
Human resources management

Recalling section II of its resolution 63/250 of 24 December 2008,

1. *Decides* to approve, in connection with the harmonization of contractual arrangements, an additional appropriation in the amount of 13,165,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include a total amount of 80,900,900 dollars in the respective budgets of the affected peacekeeping missions for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

IX
Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[17] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[18]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[17]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on any additional requirements arising from the recommendations of the Board in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

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[13] A/63/583.
[14] A/63/628.
[15] A/63/537.
[16] A/63/616.
[17] A/63/363.
[18] A/63/556.

X

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, in Baghdad

Recalling its resolutions 62/237 A and 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 3, Political affairs, and 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, in Baghdad,[19] the relevant parts of the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq[20] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[19]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Welcomes* the contribution of the Government of Iraq, and recognizes the importance of the proposal for the construction of a purpose-built integrated headquarters for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq;

4. *Approves* commitment authority for 2009 for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq in the amount of 5 million dollars under section 32 of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to undertake design work in connection with the construction of the United Nations integrated compound in Baghdad;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that the project is based on accurate assumptions and that its planning phase takes into account the experience of the execution of other construction projects in the United Nations as well as ensuring proper accountability with regard to the implementation of the project;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a new, complete and detailed proposal for the construction of the United Nations integrated compound in Baghdad, under section 32 of the programme budget, for its consideration early in the second part of its resumed sixty-third session, with detailed comprehensive financial requirements and clear timelines for the different phases of its implementation;

XI

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling its resolutions 62/237 A and 62/238 of 22 December 2007 and 62/245 of 3 April 2008,

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[19] A/62/828.

[20] A/63/346 and Add.5.

[21] A/63/601.

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[22] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[22]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Regrets* that the timing of the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General to the Fifth Committee was delayed until the last week of the main part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions no later than the last week of October;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to revise the narrative and the logical framework of the budget of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004), taking into account recent developments and the concerns raised by Member States, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly before the first part of its resumed sixty-third session;

5. *Takes note* of paragraph 94 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23] and decides to establish one Political Affairs Officer at the P-3 level and five Local level positions;

6. *Also takes note* of paragraph 158 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23] and decides to reclassify the Chief Technical Adviser position from the D-1 to the D-2 level;

7. *Decides* to establish a position at the P-5 level, instead of one at the P-4 level, in the Office of the Special Adviser for Cyprus;

8. *Approves* budgets totalling 429,497,600 dollars for the twenty-seven special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council presented in table 1 of the report of the Secretary-General;[24]

9. *Takes note* of the estimated unencumbered balance of 15,850,800 dollars;

10. *Decides* to appropriate, after taking into account the estimated unencumbered balance of 15,850,800 dollars, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 413,646,800 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

11. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 26,432,000 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

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[22] A/63/346 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.2-5.

[23] A/63/593.

[24] A/63/346.

XII
First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009[25] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[26]

Recalling its resolutions 62/237 A and B of 22 December 2007 and 62/245,

Taking note of the current challenges caused by the global financial crisis,

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213 and reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009,[25] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[26] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Also takes note* of paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[26] and emphasizes that the content of the first performance report should be limited, in principle, to a description of parameter changes endorsed by the General Assembly;

4. *Endorses* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[26] and requests the Secretary-General to explore the recosting methodologies used by other international organizations with that used by the Secretariat, taking into account the unique nature of the United Nations, and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

5. *Recalls* section III, paragraph 6, of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, and requests the Secretary-General to implement the provisions of that paragraph and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

6. *Approves* a net increase of 174.0 million dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2008-2009 and a net increase of 6.8 million dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;[25]

7. *Decides* to apportion among Member States 129.0 million dollars for expenses related to the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

8. *Approves* up to 45.0 million dollars for expenses relating to the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, upon the receipt by the President of the General Assembly of a letter from the Secretary-General, to be apportioned among Member States, as an exception to regulation 3.3 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

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[25] A/63/573.

[26] A/63/620.

9. *Stresses*, bearing in mind the third preambular paragraph above, that the provisions of paragraph 8 constitute an exceptional measure;

XIII
Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 5,122,000 dollars remains in the contingency fund.[27]

[27] A/C.5/63/20.

Draft resolution II
Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

A
Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009

The General Assembly,

Resolves that, for the biennium 2008-2009, the amount of 4,207,608,400 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 62/237 A of 22 December 2007 and 62/245 of 3 April 2008 shall be adjusted by 657,471,800 dollars, as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section	*Amount approved in resolutions 62/237 A and 62/245*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination			
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	89 215 800	5 346 300	94 562 100
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	629 339 800	32 921 300	662 261 100
Total, part I	**718 555 600**	**38 267 600**	**756 823 200**
Part II. Political affairs			
3. Political affairs	527 240 800	435 341 900	962 582 700
4. Disarmament	21 607 900	851 800	22 459 700
5. Peacekeeping operations	101 412 700	4 375 800	105 788 500
6. Peaceful uses of outer space	7 439 800	202 500	7 642 300
Total, part II	**657 701 200**	**440 772 000**	**1 098 473 200**
Part III. International justice and law			
7. International Court of Justice	41 200 400	3 927 300	45 127 700
8. Legal affairs	46 069 000	1 639 200	47 708 200
Total, part III	**87 269 400**	**5 566 500**	**92 835 900**
Part IV. International cooperation for development			
9. Economic and social affairs	158 384 800	7 149 600	165 534 400
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	5 440 400	422 500	5 862 900
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	11 641 900	566 200	12 208 100
12. Trade and development	123 746 100	9 348 500	133 094 600
13. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	28 099 800	2 773 900	30 873 700
14. Environment	13 796 600	263 200	14 059 800
15. Human settlements	20 520 800	280 800	20 801 600

Section	*Amount approved in resolutions 62/237 A and 62/245*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	36 819 000	756 900	37 575 900
Total, part IV	**398 449 400**	**21 561 600**	**420 011 000**
Part V. Regional cooperation for development			
17. Economic and social development in Africa	119 798 200	8 843 900	128 642 100
18. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	83 926 400	8 489 400	92 415 800
19. Economic development in Europe	59 917 100	4 809 200	64 726 300
20. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	104 445 000	(1 285 700)	103 159 300
21. Economic and social development in Western Asia	58 107 500	6 611 200	64 718 700
22. Regular programme of technical cooperation	50 951 400	3 881 100	54 832 500
Total, part V	**477 145 600**	**31 349 100**	**508 494 700**
Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs			
23. Human rights	116 938 400	10 414 800	127 353 200
24. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	73 069 300	6 936 200	80 005 500
25. Palestine refugees	40 727 500	4 342 600	45 070 100
26. Humanitarian assistance	28 492 300	1 369 500	29 861 800
Total, part VI	**259 227 500**	**23 063 100**	**282 290 600**
Part VII. Public information			
27. Public information	184 000 500	5 374 100	189 374 600
Total, part VII	**184 000 500**	**5 374 100**	**189 374 600**
Part VIII. Common support services			
28A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	15 002 500	[illegible]	15 593 900
28B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	39 169 900	1 475 800	40 645 700
28C. Office of Human Resources Management	70 688 100	2 360 600	73 048 700
28D. Office of Central Support Services	236 300 100	(25 211 700)	211 088 400
28E. Administration, Geneva	112 185 000	9 862 100	122 047 100
28F. Administration, Vienna	39 019 800	632 600	39 652 400
28G. Administration, Nairobi	27 838 900	(196 700)	27 642 200
36. Office of information and Communications Technology	—	37 031 600	37 031 600
Total, part VIII	**540 204 300**	**26 545 700**	**566 750 000**

Section	*Amount approved in resolutions 62/237 A and 62/245*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
Part IX. Internal oversight			
29. Internal oversight	35 997 700	1 485 000	37 482 700
Total, part IX	**35 997 700**	**1 485 000**	**37 482 700**
Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses			
30. Jointly financed administrative activities	11 459 300	996 100	12 455 400
31. Special expenses	97 011 600	3 361 100	100 372 700
Total, part X	**108 470 900**	**4 357 200**	**112 828 100**
Part XI. Capital expenditures			
32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	58 782 600	3 416 800	62 199 400
Total, part XI	**58 782 600**	**3 416 800**	**62 199 400**
Part XII. Safety and security			
33. Safety and security	197 169 300	10 756 600	207 925 900
Total, part XII	**197 169 300**	**10 756 600**	**207 925 900**
Part XIII. Development Account			
34. Development Account	18 651 300	—	18 651 300
Total, part XIII	**18 651 300**	**—**	**18 651 300**
Part XIV. Staff assessment			
35. Staff assessment	465 983 100	44 956 500	510 939 600
Total, part XIV	**465 983 100**	**44 956 500**	**510 939 600**
Grand total	**4 207 608 400**	**657 471 800**	**4 865 080 200**

B
Revised income estimates for the biennium 2008-2009

The General Assembly,

Resolves that, for the biennium 2008-2009, the estimates of income of 520,077,700 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 62/237 B of 22 December 2007 and 62/245 of 3 April 2008 shall be increased by 35,198,700 dollars, as follows:

(United States dollars)

Income section	*Amount approved in resolutions 62/237 B and 62/245*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised estimate*
1. Income from staff assessment	470 397 500	45 148 000	515 545 500
Total, income section 1	**470 397 500**	**45 148 000**	**515 545 500**
2. General income	47 946 900	(10 195 900)	37 751 000
3. Services to the public	1 733 300	246 600	1 979 900
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**49 680 200**	**(9 949 300)**	**39 730 900**
Grand total	**520 077 700**	**35 198 700**	**555 276 400**

C
Financing of the appropriations for the year 2009

The General Assembly,

Resolves that, for the year 2009:

1. Budget appropriations totalling 2,779,400,350 United States dollars and consisting of 2,085,679,850 dollars, being half of the appropriation initially approved for the biennium 2008-2009 in its resolution 62/237 A of 22 December 2007, 36,248,700 dollars, being the additional appropriation approved for the biennium in its resolution 62/245 of 3 April 2008, and 657,471,800 dollars, being the increase approved in resolution A above, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(a) 14,890,800 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 24,840,100 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium in its resolution 62/237 B of 22 December 2007;

(ii) 9,949,300 dollars, being the decrease in income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium in resolution B above;

(b) 2,764,509,550 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, of which 45 million dollars is subject to assessment in accordance with paragraph 8 of section XII of resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 283,193,400 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 232,890,200 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 62/237 B;

[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

(b) 4,617,100 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in its resolution 62/245;

(c) 45,148,000 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(d) 538,100 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2006-2007 compared with the revised estimates approved by the Assembly in its resolution 62/235 B of 22 December 2007.

45. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships.[1]

Draft decision II
Rental of office space in the Secretariat by the Group of 77 and China

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and recalling also its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, whereby the General Assembly established the arrangements for rental charges for the Office of the Group of 77 and China located at United Nations Headquarters:

(a) Decides to establish, effective 1 January 2009, a rental charge in the amount of 6 United States dollars per square foot per annum for the office space occupied by the Office of the Group of 77 and China at United Nations Headquarters, which includes the provision of furniture and photocopying machine;

(b) Recognizes the receivables associated with the rental obligations of the Group of 77 and China for the office space occupied by the Group at United Nations Headquarters, and decides that, as an exceptional measure, the outstanding receivables as at 31 December 2008 shall be written off;

(c) Emphasizes the need for all United Nations tenants to pay their rents on time, in full and without conditions;

(d) Also emphasizes that in the future, the Secretary-General, as Chief Administrative Officer, should handle rental issues with individual tenants in accordance with existing procedures, without recourse to the General Assembly.

[1] A/63/257.